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REPORT BALTIC FORTIFICATIONS CHAIN;
STRENGTHEN PEOPLE'S POLICE

FORTIFY COAST FROM LUBECK TO PETSAMO -- Svenska Dagbladet, No 185, 13 Jul 50

The usually well-informed Hamburg weekly newspaper Die Zeit reports that the USSR is building up a 1,600-kilometer-long chain of fortifications from Lubeck along the Soviet-occupied Baltic coast up to Petsamo on the White Sea.

The newspaper states that there are airfields in Swinemunde with fighter aircraft constantly ready for action, submarine and radar stations in Warnemunde, Stettin, and Memel, and research stations for guided missiles at Insterborg and Penemunde. Furthermore, the strength of the Red Baltic Fleet is being increased steadily. At present, it consists of one battleship, five cruisers, one torpedo boat flotilla, 20 destroyers, and 150 submarines. Three additional cruisers are under construction at Leningrad for the Baltic Fleet. The Russians are about to remodel the former German cruisers Lutzow and Seydlitz. Seized German steamers are being converted to troop transports in Rostock. A series of 600-ton torpedo boats is under construction at Warnemunde.

EAST GERMAN PEOPLE'S POLICE TO BE REINFORCED -- Svenska Dagbladet, No 188, 16 Jul 50

Berlin, 15 July -- According to the West Berlin newspaper Der Sozialdemokrat, the East German police chiefs have decided to accelerate the general augmentation of the paramilitary People's Police Corps.

According to the newspaper, the information leaked out from the secret police meeting on 14 July that the political police controlled by the state security service will be increased by 50 percent, the infantry and artillery units of the People's Police by 40 and 20 percent respectively, and the armored units by 20 percent. Furthermore, a 30-percent increase for the "aviation-technical" groups and a 10-percent increase in the strength of the coastal patrol forces are being considered.

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PEOPLE'S POLICE OFFICERS SERVE AS BALKAN MILITARY ADVISORS -- Svenska Dag-
bladet, No 187, 15 Jul 50

Berlin, 14 July -- It is reported by the West Berlin newspaper Berliner
Stadtblatt that 250 high officers of the East German People's Police who served
with the German armed forces in the Balkans during the war have been sent as
military advisors to Bulgaria and Hungary. According to the newspaper, the
People's Police maintain that it is of great importance that the leadership of
the Bulgarian armed forces be strengthened, as Bulgaria can expect an armed at-
tack by the aggressive Tito regime any day.

MUELLER DENIES CONNECTION WITH PEOPLE'S POLICE -- Argentinisches Tageblatt,
No 19562, 16 Jul 50

In a press conference, arranged by the East German government, Gen Vincent
Mueller denied the accusation that he had recruited West German generals for
the People's Police. The accusation was made by a representative of the gov-
ernment in Bonn. Mueller also stated that he has had nothing to do with the
People's Police since December 1949.

Mueller, who became a Soviet prisoner of war at Stalingrad, organized the
East German People's Police in 1948.

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